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SUBJECT: US-ROK DISCUSSION ON FISHERIES

1. INFORMAL TALKS ON STATUS OF US 200-MILE LEGISLATION
AND ON FUTURE FISHING ARRANGEMENTS WERE HELD 15 MARCH
BETWEEN USG AND ROKG REPRESENTATIVES. ROKG GROUP WAS
HEADED BY HONG JANG JOO, DIRECTOR FISHERIES PROMOTION
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BUREAU, OFFICE OF FISHERIES, USG BY LMNAKATSU, DIRECTOR,

OFFICE OF FISHERIES AFFAIRS, OES/OFA.

2. US EXPLAINED HIGHLIGHTS OF US 200-MILE LEGISLATION NOW BEFORE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE, EMPHASIZING THAT LEGISLATION WAS STILL IN DRAFTING STAGE AND BILL MAY STILL BE MODIFIED. NONETHELESS, PASSAGE WAS ANTICIPATED IN NEAR FUTURE AND IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO DISCUSS THOSE SECTIONS RELATING TO FOREIGN FISHING AND INTERNATIONAL FISHERY AGREEMENTS INASMUCH AS USG WOULD BE REQUIRED TO NEGOTIATE AGREEMENTS ON BASIS OF THAT LAW. PARTICULAR ATTENTION WAS PLACED ON SECTIONS DEFINING ALLOWABLE LEVEL OF FOREIGN FISHING AND CONSIDERATIONS WHICH WILL NEED TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN DETERMINING CATCH ALLOCATIONS AMONG FOREIGN NATIONS. LATTER INCLUDED, INTER-ALIA, 1) TRADITIONAL FISHING, 2) WHETHER FOREIGN COUNTRIES HAVE MADE SUBSTANTIAL AND COOPERATIVE EFFORTS IN RESEARCH AND IDENTIFICATION OF STOCKS, AND 3) WHETHER

THEY HAVE COOPERATED IN ENFORCEMENT AND WITH RESPECT TO CONSERVATION OF FISHERY RESOURCES.

3. IN THIS CONTEXT, US ENCOURAGED ROKG TO IMPROVE ITS DATA COLLECTION AS AGREED UPON AND TO EXERCISE RESTRAINT IN FISHING OFF US COAST FOR SPECIES WHICH WERE IN POOR CONDITION, PARTICULARLY POLLOCK AND BLACKCOD ESPECIALLY. JOO STATED THAT INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN ISSUED THIS YEAR TO VESSELS FISHING IN WATERS ADJACENT TO US COAST REQUIRING THEM TO RECORD DATA IN FORMAT AGREED TO BETWEEN US AND KOREAN SCIENTISTS. HE STATED THAT KOREAN VESSELS ENGAGED IN BLACKCOD FISHERY WERE SMALLER AND LESS EFFICIENT, IMPLYING THEIR OPERATIONS HAD MINIMAL IMPACT ON RESOURCE. AT SAME TIME, HE ADDED THAT KOREA PLANNED TO LIMIT ITS CATCH OF BLACKCOD TO 18,000 METRIC TONS IN 1976, ALTHOUGH THEY WERE CAPABLE OF CATCHING LARGER QUANTITY. IN STRESSING SPECIAL IMPORTANCE OF FISH AS A PROTEIN FOOD IN KOREAN DIET AND PARTICULARLY IMPORTANCE OF POLLOCK IN DIET, HE ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT KOREAN FLEET NOW OPERATING OFF SOVIET COAST MAY BE DENIED FISHING PRIVILEGES IN SOVIET FISHING ZONE WHICH HE ANTICIPATED WOULD BE EXTENDED TO 200 MILES FOLLOWING UNCLASSIFIED

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EXTENSION OF US 200 MILES AND WANTED ASSURANCES KOREA WOULD HAVE ACCESS IN FUTURE TO POLLOCK IN EASTERN BERING SEA OFF US COAST. THRUST OF US RESPONSE WAS THAT IN FUTURE US WOULD BE REQUIRED TO NEGOTIATE ON BASIS OF PROVISIONS OF NEW LAW AND IT WAS FOR THIS REASON THAT WE WERE CALLING ATTENTION OF ROK TO KEY PROVISIONS IN DRAFT LEGISLATION. UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT NEGOTIATIONS WERE HELD, PRESENT BILATERAL AGREEMENT WHICH, IN US

VIEW, DID NOT MEET CONSERVATION PROVISION CONTAINED IN
DRAFT LEGISLATION, WOULD REMAIN IN FORCE.

4. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION REGARDING WHEN US COULD
MEET WITH ROK TO NEGOTIATE FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS, US RE-
SPONDED THAT IT COULD NOT SPECIFY AT THIS TIME WHEN WE
WOULD BE ABLE TO MEET WITH ROK SINCE WE FIRST NEEDED TO
CLOSELY EXAMINE LEGISLATION WHEN PASSED AND ITS IMPACT
ON EXISTING AND FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS. MOREOVER, US HAD
FULL SCHEDULE FOR REMAINDER OF YEAR. KISSINGER

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